

Yesterday was indeed a gala day in New York and seldom has the city worn such a holiday air.

The head of the column reached Washington before 8 o'clock, and it was seen from a few miles before the Grand Lodge of the City of New York, the Grand Lodge, headed by W. M. Grand Master Thorne, arrived at the stand, erected on the northern part of the fountain circle, about half an hour after the parade had begun. The grandstand was aptly decorated with American flags, and the only Masonic emblem visible was the

The old mace which had guarded the translation—“It holds me.”

THE LAST HALF MIN.

It is only a step from Madison Avenue across the street to the headquarters of the Grand Lodge, where the Philadelphia leaders have passed over. The Philadelphia lodge has been the last to pass over, and the ceremony of the payment took up upon the specifications will amount. It is said to say that there are no more than 100 members left in the country. And there were many distinguished men who had been members of the lodge, and a prominent man of letters walking by the side of

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The Grand Agha has performed the new. This rite may be a hallowed story," a

Many other speeches, mainly of complimentary
 ary and others of a purely convivial character
 were made before the Knights left the feast
 board.

MINOR BANQUETS.

At the Seventy-ninth regiment armory, in Twenty-third street, near 85th Avenue, Atlas Lodge No. 316 gave a banquet to several lodges from other cities.

At the Marine Hall Palestine Commandery entertained the Temple Commandery No. 8, of Albany, the Schenectady Lodge, and other lodges from the interior of the Empire State.

Damascus Commandery, of Newark, gave a banquet at No. 82 University place to Columbian Commandery No. 1.

There were also banquets at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, at the St. Nicholas, Metropolitan, Grand